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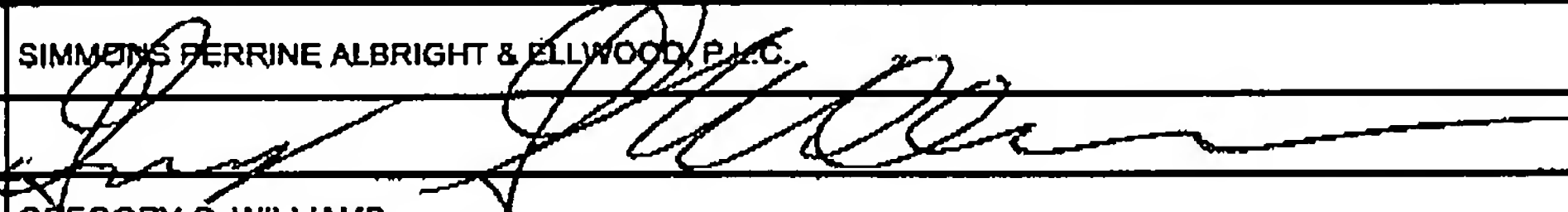
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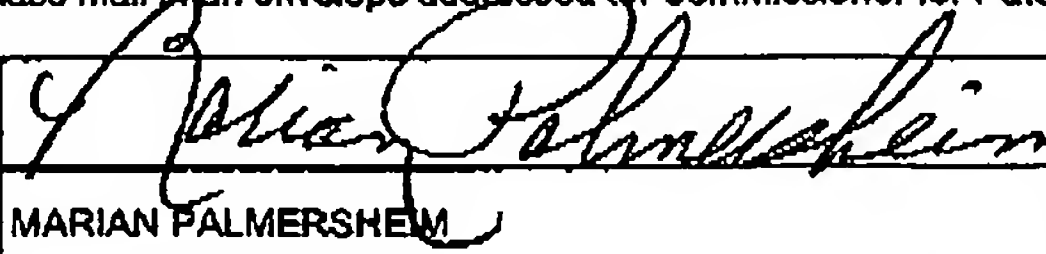
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In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2005, the Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 13-20. However, the Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. The Examiner has failed to set forth a prima facie case that a restriction requirement is proper. The method claims are limited to use in conjunction with model rail cars. The Examiner is asked to provide sufficient rationale for the restriction.

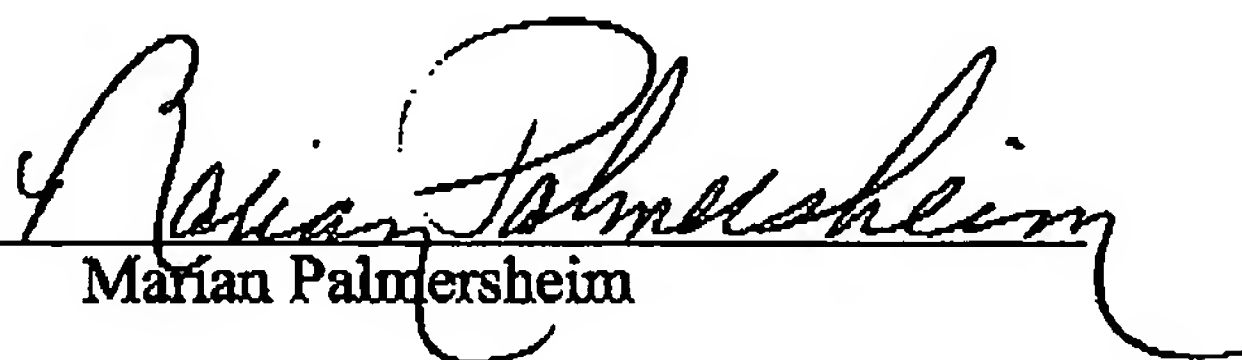
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